



SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

August 11, 2022

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held by teleconference on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 19:00.

Present: Jaz Kaur (Parliamentarian, non-voting), Val Masny (Officer), Kerry Yang (Officer), Marco Pizarro (Officer, non-voting), Hassanatou Koulibaly (Officer, non-voting), Cat Williams (Officer, non-voting), Benson Wan (Council Member), Charlotte Gurung (Council Member)

Absent: Risann Wright (Officer), Asiyah Siddique (Member at Large), Alexandre Ashkir (Chair, non-voting)

1. Call to Order: **19:16**

The Chair of this session is the Parliamentarian and calls the meeting to order at 19:16.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Chair presents the Land Acknowledgement.

The SSMU acknowledges that McGill University is situated on the traditional and unceded territory of the Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee nations. The SSMU recognizes and respects these nations as the true and constant custodians of the lands and waters on which we meet today. Further, the SSMU commits to and respects the traditional laws and customs of these territories.

3. Attendance

The Chair takes attendance.

Present are: Directors Masny, Yang, Officers Pizarro, Koulibaly, Williams, Directors Wan and Gurung.

Absent are: Directors Wright and Siddique.

4. Adoption of the Agenda – **ADOPTED**

Director Wan motions to switch agenda items 8 and 9. Director Masny seconds this motion.



Seeing no opposition, the change is made.

Director Masny suggests combining agenda items 8 and 9. Director Wan agrees.

Seeing no further changes, Director Wan motions to adopt the agenda.

Director Gurung seconds the motion to adopt.

Seeing no opposition, the agenda is adopted.

5. Executive Committee Public Report – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Officer Koulibaly presents the Report. It includes motions that have been approved at the Executive Committee meeting. Most of the motions were hirings. She stands for questions.

Director Wan motions to approve the report. Director Yang seconds the motion to approve.

Seeing no opposition, the Executive Committee Public Report is approved.

Director Masny states that they had emailed the Speaker about adding a discussion point about Bill 96. They motion to suspend the rules to add this point.

The Chair asks Director Masny to send her the discussion point.

Director Masny motions to suspend the rules to add a discussion point. Director Yang seconds the motion to suspend the rules.

Seeing no opposition, the discussion item 8b is added to the agenda.

Director Yang motions to suspend the rules to enter the confidential session.

Director Wan suggests suspending the rules to move the confidential session up rather than skipping agenda items.

The Chair asks Director Yang if he is amenable to this.

Director Gurung seconds the motion to suspend the rules to move up the confidential session.

6. Email Approvals:

- a. Motion to approve tent rental for Activities Night (\$16,843.84) 2022-07-25 – **APPROVED BY EMAIL 2022-07-29**



7. Confidential Session: **19:30**

The Board of Directors enters into a Confidential Session at 19:30.

8. Minutes for Approval:

Director Yang motions to approve items 8.a to 8.f by block.

Director Masny seconds this motion.

Seeing no opposition, the minutes are unanimously approved.

- a. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2022-02-16 – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
- b. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2022-02-18 – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
- c. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2022-03-31 – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
- d. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2022-04-21 – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
- e. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2022-04-28 – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
- f. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2022-07-13 – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

9. For Discussion:

- a. Selection Committee of the Vice-Principal (Health Affairs) and Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences (Director Wan) and the email from ARM regarding the same

Director Wan states that he received an MRO about the selection committee for the Vice-Principal and Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences. After this email, he received another one from a representative of the student government, who wanted to discuss the situation. The SSMU seats on the ARM are empty, at least one of which he wanted to discuss. He asks if they wanted to give up one of the two seats to the ARM. The ARM is a student union that is not under SSMU nor the PGSS. He asks what Directors think about giving up one of the two (2) seats. He wants to nominate himself for the first seat, since he has adequate experience to represent SSMU. The Board could also find someone else to fill the seat.

Director Yang states that it is reasonable to give a seat to Director Wan and one to ARM. The original email was sent to Director Wright, who asked Director Yang for help filling the seat.

Director Wan agrees, and states that the ARM is undergoing debates against the Faculty of Medicine. He thinks it would be beneficial to the ARM to have a seat.

- b. Effects of bill 96 on SSMU following research (Director Masny)



Director Masny states that they were mandated by the Board to look into the effects of Bill 96 on SSMU. With the SSMU Governance team, they made a course of action. Immediate action is required for translation on documents such as employee manuals. The Directors have access to this action item. They have a list of documents that need to be translated, and will hire a translator to do this. They stand for questions.

Question:

Director Wan asks if Director Masny would be amenable to proposing an action item on this.

Answer:

Director Masny confirms in the affirmative.

The Chair asks Director Wan to send her the action item.

Director Wan asks Director Masny to send the Chair the action item. Director Masny sends the action item to the Chair via chat.

The Chair presents the action item.

Director Wan proposes a wording change. The Chair suggests adding a timeline.

Director Wan sets the deadline to be the September 2022 Board meeting. Director Masny is amenable to this.

Question:

The Chair asks if they need to approve action items.

Answer:

Director Gurung answers that they do.

- i. Action Item:
 - 1. To mandate Director Masny to create a job description for full-time translator to work on Bill 96 translations by a contract employee in



collaboration with the communications team by September BoD Meeting – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Director Gurung motions to approve the action item.

Director Wan states that usually action items are approved unanimously.

Seeing no opposition, action item 9.b.i.1 is approved.

10. Motions for Approval:

- a. Motion to nominate Director Wan and an ARM representative (to be selected by the ARM) as the SSMU representatives for the Selection Committee of the Vice-Principal (Health Affairs) and Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences (Moved by Director Wan, Seconded by Director Yang) – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Director Wan states that it seems that the Board agrees to have a SSMU representative as well as an ARM representative on the Selection Committee of the Vice-Principal and the Dean of the Health of Science. He nominates himself for the SSMU seat and yields the other to the ARM. He stands for questions.

Question:

Director Gurung asks if there is going to be a process to how the ARM representative will be chosen.

Answer:

Director Wan answers that the ARM can nominate someone themselves.

Director Wan proposes two wording amendments to the motion. He proposes an action item: To mandate Director Wan to contact the ARM about the selection of the ARM representative to sit on this committee by August 19, 2022.

Seeing no opposition, motion 10.a is approved.

i. Action Item:

1. To mandate Director Wan to contact the ARM about the selection of the ARM representative to sit on this committee by August 19, 2022 - **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**



Seeing no opposition, action item 10.a.i.1 is approved.

11. Adjournment: **20:15**

Director Masny motions to adjourn the meeting. Director Wan seconds the motion to adjourn.

The meeting is adjourned at 20:15.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Risann Wright', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Risann Wright, SSMU President

APPROVED